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Subject: Confidential Information

The Division recently sent out you a letter requesting the relocation of confidential information from public documents to the Confidential Files located in our PIC room by February 1, 2005. There have been questions about this and we would like you to follow a specific procedure to relocate all the documents. We are extending the deadline.

To make this process as easy as possible, please call Jerriann Ernstsen (801-538-5214) or e-mail her at <u>jerriannernstsen@utah.gov</u> by April 1, 2005 - she will provide you with the procedure that we would like you to follow. All of the documents should be in the confidential files by June 1, 2005.

I have attached general information about this process.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Pam

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Confidential Information:

It has always been part of coal regulations to protect documents related to historic resources (R645-300-124.330) and most Permittees have separated public from confidential documents within their MRP. This process has not always been followed for annual reports, stand-alone amendments, and explorations. And more recently, it has been not always been followed when submitting amendments to MRPs for our review. It is imperative that Permittees separate public from confidential documents for all submittals. We will not provide public access to electronic or hardcopy confidential files.

The current emphasis on separating confidential documents from amendments during our review process is due to electronic permitting and scanning every document sent to us and filing these documents in our PIC room. Previously, we would not scan documents and filed only the approved amendments in the PIC room. By the time amendments were approved, the confidential documents were safely separated in the Confidential Files. The public now has access to all information submitted, unless specified as confidential.

We are also requesting the Permittee move all raptor-related documents that provide locations of nests; reports that provide locations of species-specific sitings or dwellings (e.g. dens, caves, mittens) to the Confidential Files. These types of documents are in MRPs, stand-alone and exploration submittals, and Annual Reports.